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is to encourage and equip one another
as baptized of God, to witness
to the transforming and reconciling power of Jesus Christ.

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Currently scheduled are:

January 12, 2008	9AM-3PM	St Ann's Nashville
April 12, 2008	9AM-3PM	St Paul's Murfreesboro
June 21, 2008	9AM-3PM	Holy Trinity Nashville

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Sunday Observance

Sunday, known from earliest times as "the Lord's Day" (Rev.1:10), is the day of Jesus' Resurrection; it is the



first day of the week, the day on which God began the Creation of heavens and earth.

Christians have met together on Sunday to cele-

brate the Eucharist, the "breaking of the bread," from apostolic times (Acts 20:7); since then, the Lord's Day, the day of Christ's victory over sin and death, has been the occasion for gathering together to celebrate the death and Resurrection of Christ.

The early Christians were persecuted by the Roman authorities, not because

they believed Jesus was Lord, but precisely because they worshipped him at the weekly assembly on the Lord's Day. The authorities knew that it was at the weekly assembly that Christians drew their strength; they confiscated the paraphernalia of worship and arrested the clergy because they knew it would paralyze common worship.

Roman officialdom would have been quite content for Christians to *believe* anything they wished to, as long as it did not manifest itself in common prayer: the open acknowledgment that Jesus (and not the Emperor) was the only Lord.

Our spiritual forebears literally risked their lives and property in order to gather for worship on Sunday. Why? Because they knew, as well as the Romans did, that belief without practice is quite harmless; even more, as Dom Gregory Dix put it, "To the [early]

Church, belief which did not express itself in worship would have seemed both pointless and fruitless."

The gathering on Sunday was when Christians were fed with the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation; through the Eucharist they were assured of the salvation won for them by Christ. Our forebears believed it was a gift worth the risk of their lives, much less some inconvenience or embarrassment.

The Episcopal Church continues in this same tradition when it reminds its members that it is the duty of all Christians, unless hindered by illness or infirmity, "to come together week by week for corporate worship" (BCP, p. 856).

Our tradition of weekly worship on the Lord's Day is not the product of some mindless legalism or block-headed authoritarianism, but the distilled expression over centuries of our experience that Jesus is Lord.

- Bishop John

The Bishop's Call

For a message directly from
Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt,
you can now call
615-251-9912 or 877-944-9912

Message will be updated regularly

St. Mark's Church Nashville Annual
2007 Best of All Fest o'Fall - September 29
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM



White elephant sale,
games and hayrides, food,
arts and crafts and music!

3100 Murfreesboro Road



Frs. Michael Murphy, Tom Wilson, formerly of St. Peter's Church Columbia, and Bishop Bauerschmidt, at Fr. Wilson's retirement party (see story page 5).

Anyone attending John Bauerschmidt's ordination as Bishop last January and heard the preaching of the Rev. Pamela Porter Snare, then of Christ Church, Covington Louisiana, would not have been too surprised at the announcement a few months later that she would be transferring to the Diocese of Tennessee to serve under Bishop Bauerschmidt as Canon to the Ordinary.



Born in Winston Salem, North Carolina, Canon Snare grew up in the Piedmont area. Her father, a public school teacher and principal, died in 1973 but her mother and siblings still live in North Carolina.

Canon Snare attended the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, spending her junior year in Lyons France. She graduated in 1975, a French major with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She says "My attraction to France, the language, the people, the culture, is a mystery I cannot explain. It has been there since I was a young girl, listening to my father's stories about France during World War II. The first time I went to France, I felt a deep kinship with the culture and the land."

Her education continued at The Divinity School at Duke University, where she earned her Masters of Divinity and was ordained and served in a Methodist/Presbyterian congregation.

"I took a leave of absence from the Methodist church because I thought I belonged in a more sacramental communion of the church. In 1983, I was confirmed in the Episcopal Church," Canon Snare says.

Bishop Thomas Fraser of North Carolina admitted her to the ordination process and sent her to The General Theological Seminary in New York, where she earned her Certificate of Anglican Studies. It was at Seminary that she met fellow student John Bauerschmidt. He says, "I'm from South

Carolina, and Pamela is a Tarheel, and in those days southerners were scarce enough at General Seminary to constitute an informal community of sorts."

Upon returning to North Carolina, Canon Snare became assistant to the rector at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Winston Salem where, with her other many duties, she served on the Diocesan Commission on Ministry and the Diocesan Commission on Liturgy, and chaired the Convention Committee on Elections.

In 1987, Canon Snare relocated to Paris France to attend *l'Institut Supérieur de Liturgie* at *l'Institut Catholique*. While there as a graduate student in liturgy and sacramental theology, she made time for occasional preaching and liturgical leadership at the American Cathedral, as well as clergy advisor to the college group and Sunday morning adult class there.

During that time in France, she continued her friendship with the Bauerschmidts. "I learned John and Caroline were at Oxford. I spent Christmas with them in 1989 and they visited me in Paris," she explains.

Despite her love of France, in 1991, it was time for Canon Snare to come home. She was named Interim Rector at Church of the Nativity in Raleigh, North Carolina.

In 1992, she became interim rector at Christ Church Cleveland, North Carolina, and in 1995, she became assistant priest at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Greensboro, North Carolina.

Canon Snare goes on to say that she and then Rev. Bauerschmidt were in the same diocese from 1992-1997, the Bauerschmidt family having returned to North Carolina shortly after she did.

She left North Carolina in 1997, when she accepted a position as Senior Curate at Christ Church Covington Louisiana, working for the first time with her old, dear friend, John Bauerschmidt.

The bishop says, of his decision to ask her to make the move, "When I was called to

Christ Church Covington, I was challenged by the lay leadership of the parish to call a priest colleague within three months of my own call. This was an ambitious plan, but I immediately thought of Pamela. I spoke with her before leaving, and she was open to a new call."

Canon Snare continues, "When John accepted the call to be rector at Christ Church, he asked me to consider coming to be his curate. He told me about the parish's history, the day school and Christwood, the parish-sponsored retirement community. St. Joseph Abbey, a Benedictine community was three miles away. At first I declined, however after a couple of days of reflection and prayer, and consulting my spiritual director, my closest friend and my mother, I thought that perhaps this was where God was leading me to be."

Along with preaching, visitations, liturgical leadership and spiritual direction, she organized the Liturgical Arts Festival, Spiritual Think Tank events, retreats, and Educational Enrichment Programs.

Also while in Covington, she met Jerry Snare, a professor of English literature at Tulane University when, together, they taught a session on the W.H. Auden's poem, "A Christmas Oratorio." Canon Snare relates, "Jerry was a well-known and beloved parishioner, on the vestry and a tenor in the choir. His close friends were in the choir and whenever they had a get together, they would include me. Slowly we both realized we had a great deal of affection and regard for each other and we both had the sense that God had led us to each other, given us each to the other. We were married at Christ Church on June 5, 1999. It was wonderful because so many parishioners helped with the planning of the reception. They called themselves the MOB: Mothers of the Bride!" The bishop adds, "I performed the marriage, and that was a happy day."

It would appear that Jerry shares his wife's fondness for France. "Last summer," Canon Snare says, "Jerry and I were accepted on probation as oblates of *le Monastere Ste. Francoise-Romaine* at *Le Bec Hollouin* in Normandy. I view finding *Bec* as our spiritual home as the

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Bishop Herlong's Portrait Unveiled



St. George's Church Nashville hosted a ceremony in early July to unveil the newly painted portrait of Bishop Bertram Herlong, 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee. The unveiling took place in the narthex immediately after Sunday worship on July 1, with a throng of parishioners participating in the festive event. The portrait, which will make its permanent home at Christ Church Cathedral after building renovations are completed, will rest at St. George's Church in the interim.

The service of unveiling included remarks by St. George's rector R. Leigh Spruill (*photo, left, with Bishop and Mrs. Herlong*), who offered his "personal gratitude for the bishop's support of the ministries of St. George's." Fr. Spruill's also expressed appreciation for the bishop's strong leadership of the Diocese over the years and the "clarity of his convictions."

The bishop in turn spoke of being honored "to have my portrait painted by such a famous artist, Robert Bentley." The bishop also affirmed how he was "grateful be-

yond words to those donors whose generosity made it possible. I appreciate St. George's letting this portrait hang in a prominent place until the Cathedral completes its proposed expansion. This is a very happy and wonderful day for me!"

While the artist, Robert Bentley, had hoped to attend the unveiling, he had to send his regrets, but included comments about the process of painting of the portrait. The bishop, Bentley said, "provided three elements that are extremely important to any portrait painter: a strong, personable face; two firm, expressive hands; and an absolutely beautiful outfit."

The latter referred to the bishop's vestments worn for the portrait. Bentley also said that while he worked on the portrait, "visitors to my studio were awed by this figure on the canvas and they had to know who he was." - *The Rev. Timothy Jones, St. George's Church Nashville*

The Rev. Tom Wilson Retires from St. Peter's Church



In July, after nineteen and a half years as beloved rector of St. Peter's Church Columbia, Father Tom Wilson retired.

The celebration of his ministry began on July 22 with a concert by the joint choirs of St. Peter's Church, First Presbyterian and First Methodist Churches plus a brass ensemble. The concert, attended by almost 250 people, was followed by a champagne/cookie reception where church and community members were

able to say goodbye to Fr. Wilson and thank him for his work in Columbia.

On Sunday July 29, Fr. Wilson celebrated the Eucharist for the last time as rector of St. Peter's Church. Following the service, the congregation gathered for a reception in the Parish Hall.

On Fr. Wilson's last work day, Tuesday July 31, parishioners joined the Wilson family for a cocktail supper at Graymere Country Club. Bishop John Bauerschmidt and Father Michael Murphy, the former assistant priest (*photo, previous page*), helped in honoring Fr. Wilson by presenting him with the keys to the church, a document naming him rector emeritus and a stole representing his new status within the congregation.

The vestry gifted Fr. Wilson with a table featuring a mosaic shield of St. Peter's Church (*photo, above right*). Maggie Olson, senior warden says, "Although it has been difficult to say goodbye, we acknowledged that he is retiring as our rector but not as our friend."

St. Peter's Church hopes to name an interim rector soon and will then begin the search process for a full-time rector.



St. Philip's Church Nashville "Inquirer's Class" Begins

Are you new to the Episcopal Church wondering why it's "narthex" (foyer) and "nave" (worship space) or looking to brush up on church history (and what Henry the VIII had to do with it)? To join a lively series of discussions about the Anglican/Episcopalian faith, starting September 12, monthly through spring, register at 7:00 PM, Dimmick Hall. Call 615-833-4595 for more dates and details.

Clergy News -

Church of the Resurrection Franklin said farewell to **The Rev. Richard Kew** as he returned to his native England. Fr. Kew remains affiliated with the Diocese of Tennessee. **The Rev. Joseph Davis**, formerly of Memphis, is the new rector. **The Rev. Patrick Allen** of St. Joseph of Arimathea Hendersonville has moved to South Carolina where his wife Ashley is starting her medical practice. **The Rev. Jill Zook-Jones** steps in there as interim rector. **The Rev. Patrick Soule** is now deacon in training at St. Philip's Nashville. Vicar of San Matias Nashville, **The Rev. Susan Crane** has resigned from the Diocese of Tennessee. In June, **The Rev. Michael Murphy** was called as vicar of St. Barnabas' Church Tullahoma. St. Paul's Murfreesboro has named **The Rev. Anne**

Wolf Fraley as interim rector. **The Rev. Angelo Wildgoose**, formerly from Bermuda, has moved his family to Nashville and will be vicar at St. Anselm's Nashville. The former deacon in charge, **The Rev. Dolores Nicholson** remains in the Diocese, non-parochial. **The Rev. Michael Spurlock** has been appointed deacon in charge at All Saints' Church Smyrna. **The Rev. Jody Howard** has been named vicar at St. Francis' Church Goodlettsville. **The Rev. Canon Fred Dettwiller** has a new title: Canon of Finance, Administration and Development. **The Rev. Ken Swanson** has resigned as dean of Christ Church Cathedral Nashville but remains in the Diocese, non-parochial. St. George's Church Nashville added two new clergy members: priest associate **The Rev. J. Roger Senechal**, previously of Auburn MA and associate rector **The Rev. Marcia King**, from Ocean Springs MS.

Parish News -

August Confirmations: Ji Hyun Lee, Mi Sook Cho, Hye Kyung Shin, Hyung Soo Kim, Yong Seok Kim, Jeong Ran Kang, Yong Goo Kim, Young Jeong, Young Hwa Kim, Hyr Kyung Kook, Han Doo Kook and Shin Youn Kang at **Church of the Holy Spirit Nashville**. August Baptisms: Mi Hye Na, Won Min Choi, Choul Lee, Sang Woon Lee, Young Choul Lee, Sung Jin Jeong, and Seung Jeong at **Church of the Holy Spirit Nashville**.

St. James' Church and **Otey Memorial Parish Sewanee**, and the **STEM churches** sponsored Vacation Bible School in July. An average of 25 children, 4-12 attended *Take the Plunge with Jesus* featuring songs, stories, crafts and lunch (with watermelon!). In other parish news at **Otey Memorial Parish Sewanee**, after a year as sexton, Dan Ferguson is leaving to concentrate on his family, full time job and studies as a seminary student. Kell Owen has joined the staff as Director of Christian Foundation. Little Lambs

Pre-School at **Church of the Resurrection Franklin** is now open. **St. Philip's Church Nashville** member John Bender has graduated from Sewanee's School of Theology and has been recommended for Candidacy for Holy Orders. **Church of the Good Shepherd Brentwood** has a new youth minister, Holly Gay. Nashotah House seminarian Peter Floyd was awarded an academic grant from the Society for the Increase of Ministry, one of only 73 across the country this year. Chance Dillon is now the youth minister at **Christ Church Cathedral**. **St. Peter's Church Columbia** was presented a "Keep Maury Beautiful" award - kudos to groundskeeper Tom Harmon. **St. Ann's Church Nashville** hosted their summer reading program, "Hope Exchange," with field trips, Spanish lessons and dance classes, and their Angels Choir for Children attended the Royal School of Church Music in North Carolina in July. On September 21, **St. Matthew's Church McMinnville** celebrates its 55th Anniversary, details of that event in the next issue of *Connections*.

Youth News -

As the new coordinator for ministry to young people for the diocese, I'd like to take a moment to tell you a bit about myself. Youth ministry has been my passion over eight years now. I've worked in three different settings that have allowed me to interact with young people from many different backgrounds, both ethnically and socially. In California, I worked as an assistant director and then as director of two different large youth ministries (pre-teen and junior high). Both churches allowed me to do intercultural work. The first was a large multi-ethnic congregation and the second was an English ministry at a Taiwanese church. My work was with the second generation students.

Until recently, I was the director of youth ministry at Trinity Church Winchester, building a youth program starting with about 10 students in 2005. My work there allowed me insight into rural youth ministry as well as practically starting a youth ministry from scratch.

I have earned an MA in Youth, Family and Culture from Fuller Theological Seminary that uniquely equips me to minister to youth (defined in the program as 12-24+) in the midst of our ever-changing culture. It was during my last year at seminary that God

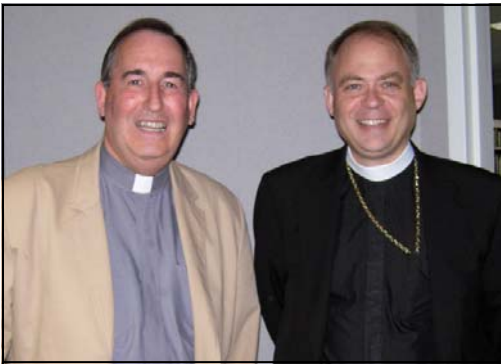
began to lay ministry with youth leaders on my heart, and it was then I realized that my call to youth ministry extended to youth leaders as well as to the young people themselves. I also knew the timing for that would be somewhere down the road, but when this job came open, it was so exactly what I felt led to do that I knew I needed to at least apply.

To that end, some of the other youth ministers in the diocese and I have been discussing youth ministry in a new discussion forum called ymCafe. You can find this online at <http://ymcafe.org>, and please, if you're interested, join in the conversation!

On the calendar now is a retreat for youth leaders, whether paid or volunteer. Come out to the Hiding Place October 19-20 and get away from the world for a little while. For more information, visit www.episcopaldiocese-tn.org/youth or e-mail me at anna.howard@episcopaldiocese-tn.org.

Also to all the youth leaders out there, paid, volunteer, or whatever, I'd love to meet you so shoot me an e-mail and we'll meet up! The coffee's on me... - *Anna Howard, Diocesan Youth Coordinator*

For the bonus feature story, "What Harry has to say about youth ministry" by Anna Howard, see page 11.



The Rev. Richard Kew stopped by the Diocese office for a meeting with Bishop Bauerschmidt before leaving for England. We all wish him the best in his travels and in his new home.

SAVE THE DATE—NOVEMBER 2-11, 2007

**First Diocese of Tennessee Retreat
For Mothers and Daughters In Christ**
(daughters grade 5 & up)

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A “Quiet Day” In June

About twenty people enjoyed a day of quiet time and spiritual refreshment at the lakeside home of the Rev. Scott and Sylvia James in Estill Springs on June 9. The theme for the day was "Wisdom Bearers" - a look at the people in our lives who have helped us to grow as Christians. The meditations were led by the Rev. Dr. Linda Hutton who is the diocesan chaplain for the Order of the Daughters of the King. Following each meditation everyone had some quiet time for reflection in the peaceful waterfront setting and then returned to the group for sharing and a time of prayer.



After lunch, provided by the Daughters of the Mary E. Norton Chapter of St. Barnabas' Church Tullahoma, the participants were invited to go to the nearby Harris Chapel United Methodist Church where a labyrinth was set up in the gymnasium. The 40-foot indoor canvas labyrinth was on loan from the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. It is modeled after the original unicursal labyrinth of Chartres Cathedral in France which is still being used today. Labyrinths were built so that Christian pilgrims would not have to travel great distances to make their annual pilgrimages to holy cities and shrines. They could go on spiritual journeys any time they wished to. Today there are hundreds of labyrinths throughout the world where people may walk this maze to spiritual wholeness.

In an atmosphere of candlelight and sacred music, those in attendance were given a short introduction and were then invited to walk on their own "pilgrimage". It was a time of enlightenment and refreshment for the soul and a perfect ending to the day.



Fall Programs & Retreats

September 14-16 “Moving From Loss To Gratitude with Henri Nouwen As Guide” – (Sponsored by the Henri Nouwen Society). Presenters: Sister Susan Mosteller and John Mogabgab

September 23-25 “Centering Prayer” – Three Day Retreat. Presenters: The Rev. Geoffrey Butcher and the Centering Prayer Staff

October 8-10 “Dante and Contemplation” – The pilgrim/poet informs us of the love that moves the suns and the stars. Presenter: The Rev. Tom Ward

October 12-14 “The Edge of Adventure” – based upon the best selling book on how we live our lives as Christians. Presenter: Keith Miller, author and internationally renowned speaker

November 4-9 “Centering Prayer” – Five Day Retreat Presenters: The Rev. Doug Schwert and the Centering Prayer Staff

November 9-11 “The Truth Shall Make You Odd” – Flannery O’Connor stories help us to encounter God’s grace. Presenter: The Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley, Bishop of Alabama

For more information please check our website:

**www.stmaryssewanee.org
or telephone us at (931) 598-5342**

Association of Anglican Musicians Meet in UK



The Association of Anglican Musicians held its annual conference at the Durham Cathedral (*photo, above*) in Durham, England, July 2-8. Every ten years the AAM goes to England – considered the “mother country” of Anglican church music – for the conference.

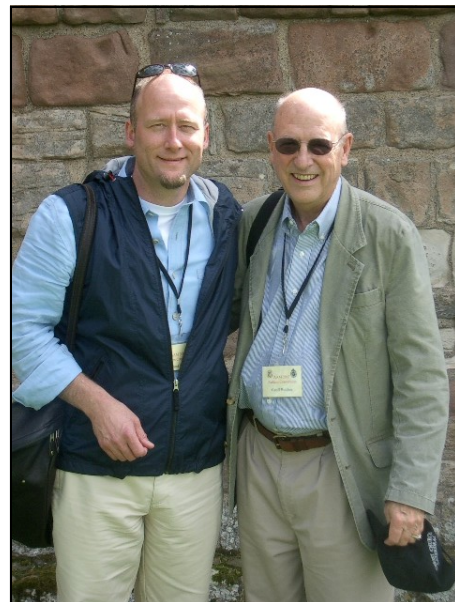
The AAM is a professional organization of more than eight hundred leaders in the field of church music. The AAM’s goal is to elevate, stimulate, and support music and the allied arts in liturgy to the glory of God and the benefit of God’s people. The members believe that the work of a church musician is more than serving as organist and choir director. The skills of pastor, educator and musician are also required for this ministry.

Prior to the conference in Durham, ninety members assembled in Scotland to sight-see and to visit the Abbey on Iona. On Sunday July 1, the group celebrated the Eucharist in the Abbey that dates back to the sixth century. It was founded by St. Columba and still exudes the spirituality of many centuries of prayer.

Two members of the AAM from the Diocese of Tennessee attended the July conference in Durham. They are Dr. Michael Velting, organist and choirmaster, and the Rev. Canon Geoffrey Butcher, canon pastor (*photo, right*), both of Christ Church Cathedral Nashville.

Other AAM members in the Diocese of Tennessee are Marjorie Proctor, former associate organist and choirmaster at the Cathedral; Jon Johnson, new assistant organist and choirmaster at the Cathedral; Dr. Murray F. Somerville, director of music at St. George’s Church Nashville; Dr. William R. Taylor, St. Ann’s Church Nashville; Dr. Robert G. Delcamp, organist-choirmaster and professor of music, the University of the South Sewanee; Sandra G. Cohron, chorister, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville; Peter Fyfe, organist-choirmaster emeritus, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville; Dr. Wilma H. Jensen, organist-choirmaster emerita, St. George’s Church Nashville; Kevin B. Carson, chorister, St. George’s Church Nashville; Donald E. Cornelius, organist-choirmaster, St. David’s Church Nashville; and Elizabeth G. Smith, Lois Fyfe Music.

Of the Durham conference, Dr. Velting commented: “Highlights for me were many. Probably most moving was to be in Durham Cathedral every day for prayer, worship and singing. This, coupled with the preaching of our Chaplain, the Rev. Canon Rosalind Brown, Canon Precentor of the Durham Cathedral, made for a very enriching experience. Visits to York Minster, Jarrow Abbey, Escomb Abbey and the Holy Island of Lindisfarne completed our tour of the wonderful holy spaces in which prayers and music have been offered up over many centuries.”



Dr. Velting was invited to be the organist for the opening Eucharist of the Conference, held at St. Oswald’s Parish Church. He was honored by this invitation and the opportunity to lead colleagues in singing and worship.

Canon Butcher was especially delighted by the music and celebration at the Abbey on Iona where he had the privilege of being the celebrant and preacher. Canon Butcher is a past president of the AAM and served for twelve years as chair of the Professional Concerns Committee.

For more information on the Association of Anglican Musicians and further details on the conference, visit their website at www.anglicanmusicians.org.

Reconciliation at the Roundtable

God’s Call In The 21st Century
September 9-12 New York NY

An international conference will mark the opening of the new Desmond Tutu Education Center at the General Theological Seminary. Co-sponsored by the Community of the Cross of Nails, 16 workshops led by experts from around the world will stimulate fresh thinking about reconciliation and peace efforts in the U.S. and abroad. Archbishop Tutu and Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will offer keynote presentations. The conference coincides with opening ceremonies for the Tutu Center, located at 180 Tenth Avenue in New York City. For more information on the conference and how to register, visit www.tutucenter.org.

"Mountain Fire" VBS at Otey Memorial Parish



Otey Parish's second annual "Mountain Fire Vacation Bible School" was held recently in Sewanee. Hosted by Fire on the Mountain Youth Group, participants were special needs adults from Exceptional Enterprises Sheltered Workshop located in nearby Grundy County. They sang songs, listened to bible stories in the Godly Play tradition, had snacks and created some extraordinary art. Helpers from age three to grandmother age graciously welcomed the special guests as new friendships were formed and old friendships were renewed. Throughout the week, God's grace unfolded in surprising and amazing ways. It was a great opportunity for all to learn from each other and to recognize the gifts of all of the members of the body of

Christ. The week ended with a pizza party and concert with music by Bazzania, a local fun girl's band! - *Kell Owen, Otey Memorial Parish, Sewanee*

Dandridge Trust Has Money To Be Granted

Since 1987, the Dandridge Trust, an endowment of the Diocese of Tennessee, has made annual grants for worthy programs of congregations and other organizations.

Grant Request forms for 2008 and other information may be obtained from Seawell Brandau, by calling him at 615-352-4824 or via email at Brandausj@comcast.net or from Carol Lynn McCarty, at 615-370-9063 or at clmccarty@comcast.net. The forms are also available on the Diocese website at www.episcopaldiocese-tn.org.

The priorities for grants are for services for the elderly, the disadvantaged, new or innovative programs not normally covered by an organization's budget. The deadline for submission is Friday, October 5, 2007.

St. Paul's Church Franklin Hosts Sunday Socials

Each Sunday in September is your chance for an afternoon of home cooking and great music, supporting the music ministry of St. Paul's Church Franklin. Proceeds fund guest singers and instrumentalists throughout the fall and Christmas. Lunch is at 12:30 PM in Otey Hall with the concert following at 2:00 PM in the Church.

Reservations must be made in advance by calling 615-792-0527 for ticket information. The concerts are free and open to the public. For more information, call Donna Stokes-Rogers at the number above or email her: donnastokesrogers@gmail.com.

September 9 - Don Michael Dicie, St. Paul's organist will perform; September 16 - The McLains with Lisa Manning spin Bluegrass, Irish and Gospel melodies; September 23 - Abby Burke is back by popular demand to perform Jazz and Gospel; and September 30 - Collegium Vocale led by Jaime Kirsch, Blair's Premiere Choral Ensemble will delight all who attend this concert.

St. Paul's Church Franklin Invites You To Christmas Tea... December 8

The annual English Tea will have two seatings, 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM. Make your reservations beginning October 1 by calling 790-0527. Proceeds will be used to preserve the church buildings - and what a lovely way to kick off the Christmas season!

God's Green Earth...

As stewards of the planet we share, everyone can do something, however small, to preserve the place we call home.

A simple way to start is **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**. **Reduce:** Reduce what you own, purchase less and leave less waste. Create a tree-free home using cloth napkins, dish cloths, and bleach free toilet paper (80% recycled material). Leave messages for family on a dry erase board. For construction, avoid new cut wood or use products made of straw bale, bamboo or other composites. Buy in bulk when possible and bring your own shopping bags. Avoid creating more trash: have your ice cream in a cone instead of a cup! **Reuse:** Share what you already have - hold a garage sale and shop at someone else's. Organize a community swap meet. Don't use disposables: cups, food containers, writing pens, razors - switch to reusables. Donate your unwanted household items, computers, and sports equipment to charitable organizations. Visit the library instead of buying books for single use. Recharge your batteries. Use eBay, Freecycle and Thowplace - websites for reusables. **Recycle:** If your town doesn't have curbside recycling, designate bins in your home for recyclable items. Determine a location for recycling glass, paper and cardboard, tin and aluminum cans, motor oil, ink cartridges, refrigerators and home computers, tires. Leave grass clippings on your lawn as natural fertilizer and learn how to compost.

For more tips on how to **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**, visit www.globalstewards.org/ecotips.htm#resuse.

A Busy Summer In Ecuador



Five groups from the Diocese of Tennessee conducted activities in our Companion Diocese, the Diocese of Litoral, Ecuador. This included the annual medical mission, a work project at a mission in Guayaquil, a visit by the Presiding Bishop, a new Companion Church, and delivery of a fire truck to the city of Montecristi. A long-range project was launched using a grant from Trinity Episcopal Church New York.

During a visit last year to Manabi province, the Rev. Cristobal Leon asked people from Tennessee to obtain training materials in Spanish to support a Lay-Leaders conference for the churches in the Manta area. The conference held in March was attended by nineteen leaders of local congregations. It included presentations by Bishop Morante and other clergy of the

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culmination of a long-standing affinity for France, finally leading to our close relationship with the monks and nuns of *Bec*.”

The bishop began to think of Pamela as a possible Canon to the Ordinary even before his election, but wasn't sure he could convince her to move from Louisiana. “She had multiple offers of call when I left Covington. She's one of the priests who helped bring the Diocese of Louisiana together. She was in wide demand as a spiritual director among lay people, and even among the clergy, and they are a tough audience! With her experience and gifts, she is uniquely fitted for her responsibilities as Canon to the Ordinary. Pamela Snare is a serious Christian, a faithful priest, and a committed person of prayer. She knows parishes and clergy inside out, and has excellent judgment. She is a wise and trustworthy person.”

Diocese to explain the unique character of the Episcopal Church. The Diocese of Tennessee obtained pamphlets in Spanish from Forward Movement so each person would have a set.

Representatives of St. Joseph of Arimathea and Church of the Good Shepherd visited their Companion Churches during June. This was the inaugural visit by the COG group. Paul Wholley made two prior trips to make recommendations for selecting a Companion Church and to establish the scope of the project work. When we arrived in Manta at their Companion Church, San Jose Obrero, there was a blur of activity. Everyone was painting – the altar had been stripped, repaired, refinished, and redecorated. Security walls were constructed; restrooms and a septic system were installed. The two churches are working on a long-range plan to assist with child-care in conjunction with an Ecuadorian government program.

In July, about forty people participated in one or both weeks of the medical and service-work missions. Medical clinics were conducted at four locations during the first week. The second week focused on repairs, renovations and improvements at the church of Santa Maria in Saucos 3, a planned neighborhood in Guayaquil, near the Guayas River. A highlight of the trip was the visit by the Presiding Bishop

Canon Snare says, “We loved Covington, the church and our home, but Hurricane Katrina brought home to us the scriptural truth that we have no permanent dwelling place here and that one's world can change in the twinkling of an eye. We are pilgrims on this earth and our only secure dwelling place is with the Lord.”

After careful consideration and prayer, and advice from her spiritual directors, she accepted the call to move to Nashville and the Diocese of Tennessee as Canon to the Ordinary under Bishop Bauerschmidt.

The Snares and their lab-mix, Mustard Seed, make their home in a renovated bungalow in East Nashville. Canon Snare has met with most of the clergy, and has visited with quite a few congregations. We all welcome her to the Diocese of Tennessee.

Katharine Jefferts Schori to the Diocese of Litoral. Her travel schedule did not allow time to visit to the clinics; however, she invited all the Tennessee missionaries to attend Eucharist one evening, followed by a reception.

There were challenges this year for the medical mission. The Rev. Susan Crane, coordinator for the Diocese of Tennessee for many years, has decided to leave the Diocese to pursue other paths. She completed all training and arrangements for the July mission and everyone involved with this work is thankful for her service. Nonetheless, missions were faced with the problem of needing leaders. Thankfully, Ginger and Dale Ensor of St. Michael's Church Cookeville led the medical clinics, and Judy and Gene Hines of Church of the Messiah Pulaski led the activities during the second week. We are grateful to them for stepping forward to fill the gap. The Diocese will need a person to act as Coordinator on a long-term basis, and we will be actively searching for the right person to lead the next medical mission in 2008.

An additional problem has arisen for the medical clinics: funds are exhausted in the special account for purchase of medicines for next year. There are no direct contributions from the Diocese for this purpose. These activities have been supported directly through the generosity of churches and individuals in our diocese. The Companion Diocese committee asks that churches and individuals consider this worthwhile work and its value to people in Ecuador and in Tennessee when they are planning their giving and support of diocesan functions this next year. – *George Kurz, Companion Diocese Committee*



For bonus stories and photos on the Ecuador mission trips, see page 12.

What Harry has to say about youth ministry

I recently finished reading the long-awaited final installment of the Harry Potter series, and discovered several things the church could learn from Harry about what teenagers are looking for.



As early as the first book in the series, we learn that Harry is destined for a fight that could prove deadly. A terrible villain is looking for him and trying to kill him. Cer-

tain adults recognize this battle cannot be fought exclusively by them and that this young man eventually must face this villain. However, these adults, especially Dumbledore, some teachers, parents of his friends, and his godfather, all work to make certain that Harry is equipped with what he needs before he faces the final battle that could kill him.

Starting at the age of eleven, Harry lives in constant awareness of the danger facing him. But he knows that unless he faces his enemy eventually, people he loves are going to get hurt and killed because his enemy won't stop pursuing him. So he involves himself wholeheartedly in this fight, both being prepared by these mentors and helping teach other teenagers what he has learned.

And here's the thing: the adults don't prevent the teens from taking part in the struggle against evil. Wherever they can, they protect them. Whenever they can, they equip them, but they don't pat them on the head and tell them to wait until they're older and can be "real" members of the fight against evil.

Here is where we, the church, need to take notes. Kenda Dean, in *Practicing Passion*, talks about how teenagers are looking for something they are willing to die for. Teenagers are passionate, less cynical than most, and are still crazy enough to think

they can actually make a difference in the world — something a lot of the rest of us too often forget.

And teens are not blind to the cost of such passion. Fighting for something means battle wounds. Teens are okay with that because if it's worthwhile, it will always be worth it, even when it's not fun.

This means that teens should be flocking to Christianity left and right because after all, where else do we see such a rich heritage of people willing to lay down their lives for what they believe it, or people persecuted for the simple act of claiming Jesus as Lord?

And this Jesus we claim is none other than the one who laid down his life for all of us, the ultimate act of a loving God. The passion of Christ both led to the cross, and was embodied in the cross. Jesus did battle against evil by giving up his life and then coming back again from the dead, thereby defeating the power of death.

Sound familiar? Harry goes willingly to his death in order to stop Voldemort from continuing to do battle against the people he loves. As it turns out, this was the only way to destroy Voldemort (read the book for an explanation). And as you might suspect, it doesn't kill Harry; he comes back to defeat Voldemort and save the day. While he didn't defeat death itself or rid the world of all evil, the end of *The Deathly Hallows* shows us a teenager willing to die for his friends.

So if the parallel between what teens want and Christianity is so strong, where are they? Dean suggests the church "has largely sanitized love of suffering, leaving Christianity with a mealy-mouthed niceness that fails to ring true to young people who know in their bones that love and heartache go together" (p. 4).

How do we reach teens and draw them into the community of faith? We must rediscover the passion of Christ and the passion of martyrs all over the world who know all too well that love and suffering go together. Not only will we reach teenagers who are longing for something to be passionate about, but I venture a guess that we'll discover something that's been missing in our lives for far too long.

Thanks for the object lesson, Harry. — Anna Howard, Diocesan Youth Coordinator

Recommended Reading

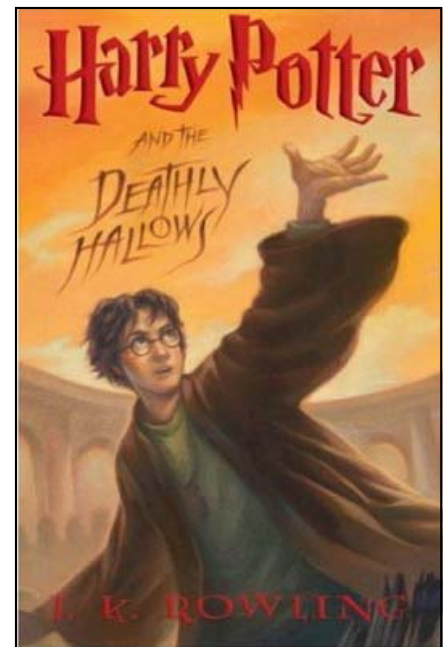
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Practicing Passion: Youth and the Quest for a Passionate Church — Kenda Creasy Dean. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2004.

The Freedom Writers Diary: How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change Themselves and the World Around Them — Erin Gruwell. New York: Broadway Books, 1999.

Losers, Loners and Rebels: The Spiritual Struggles of Boys — Robert C. Dysktra, Allan Hugh Cole Jr. and Donald Capps. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2007.

Hear My Story: Understanding the Cries of Troubled Youth — Dean Borgmann. Peabody: Hendrickson, 2003.



Medical Missions: Companion Diocese Litoral, Ecuador



By The Numbers: Medical Clinics were held at **4** churches. **1** school was visited to hand out vitamins and anti-parasite medication. There were **27** missionaries from **4** states: **20** from Tennessee, **4** from Colorado, **2** from Alabama and **1** from Louisiana. The medical staff included **2** physicians, **2** nurse practitioners, **2** pharmacists and **1** nurse. Ecuadoreans assisting with the clinics included **3** physicians, **1** optometrist and **3** translators. **408** reading glasses were distributed. **263** children and **148** adults were seen in the medical clinics. And when it was all over, **1,128** vitamins and anti-parasite medications were given out.

A Day In The Life of A Missioner: breakfast and morning prayers; load supplies onto bus and leave for clinics; unload supplies and set up; clinic in session; pack supplies and load back onto bus; return to hotel; unload supplies; debriefing; recap, plan, refine; dinner and visits with Ecuadorean friends and other missioners; repack for next day. Days were long but God provided the stamina!

Qualifications of Mission Work: compassionate heart; flexible attitude; good work ethic; ability to laugh; Spanish skills helpful but not necessary.

Rewards of Mission Work: lots of hugs and kisses; lots of tears — of joy, of helplessness, of being humbled by the experience; new friends, both from Ecuador and our own diocese; quick job advancement; renewed priorities and a deep sense of satisfaction; lots of love!

Photos and Data supplied by participants of medical missions, 2000 - 2007



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Children's Choir Director

St. Ann's Church Nashville is looking for a director for their Children's Choir. Call 615-254-3534 or email office@stannsnashville.org and your inquiry will be forwarded to the Choir Search Committee.

Communications Coordinator

Christ Church Cathedral Nashville seeks a full time, PR and publications professional. Website management experience desirable. Send responses to Eileen Hosking at ehosking@christcathedral.org or call her at 615-255-7729 for more details.

Sexton

Otey Parish Sewanee needs a part-time sexton for Sunday morning duties, light repairs and general maintenance. Contact Karen Keele at 931-598-5876 or email kkeele@sewanee.edu.

Youth Choir Leader

Otey Parish Sewanee has a position for the right person to start a Youth Choir. For more information, call Kell Owen at 931-598-5926.

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